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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

<b><u>PATENT/APPLICATION NO.</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>INVENTOR</u></b>
3,348,657	11/24/1967	G.S. Frederickson
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4,459,183	07/10/1984	Brady et al.
4,385,967	05/31/1983	Brady et al.

**FOREIGN PATENTS DOCUMENTS**

<b><u>PATENT NO.</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>COUNTRY</u></b>	<b><u>TRANSLATION</u></b>
EP 0 913 348	05/16/1999	Europe	(Abstract)
EP 0 752 807 A1	01/08/1997	Germany	Yes
DE 197 18 769 A1	11/05/1998	Germany	(Abstract)
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DE 38 23 072 A1	01/11/1990	Germany	Yes
DE 36 24 481 C2	01/28/1988	Germany	Yes
DE 38 135 18 A1	11/02/1989	Germany	Abstract
DE 42 235 41 A1	01/20/1994	Germany	Abstract
DE 32 36 545 A1	05/05/1983	Germany	Yes

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the documents listed in this Information Disclosure Statement be considered by the Examiner in this patent application and made of record therein.

The relevance of EP 0913 348, which is not in the English language, is set forth in the English abstract of that publication and is listed on the corresponding International Search Report as a category "X" document (for paragraph 0027, Figure 3.)

The relevance of DE 197 18 769 A1, which is not in the English language, is set forth in the English abstract of that publication and is referred to in the specification at p. 2, lines 26-31.

The relevance of DE 198 35 332 A1, which is not in the English language, is set forth in the English abstract of that publication and is listed on the corresponding International Search Report as a category "X" document (for col. 4, lines 22-64; Fig. 1).

The relevance of DE 38 23072 A1, which is not in the English language, is set forth in the English abstract of that publication and is referred to in the specification at p. 2, line 11. Also corresponding U.S. family Patent 4,832,811 is being submitted herewith.

The relevance of DE 38 13518 A1, which is not in the English language, is set forth in the English abstract of that publication and is referred to in the specification at p. 2, line 11.

The relevance of DE 42 23 541 A1, which is not in the English language, is set forth in the English abstract of that publication and is referenced in the specification at p.2, lines 16-25 and is listed on the corresponding International Search Report as a category "X" document.

The relevance of DE 32 36545 A1, which is not in the English language, is set forth in the English abstract of that publication and is referred to in the specification at p. 3, lines 30-32. Also corresponding U.S. family Patents 4,459,183 and 4,385,967 are being submitted herewith.

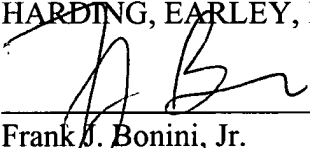
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The relevance of DE 36 24 481 C2, which is not in the English language, is set forth in the English abstract of that publication and is referred to in the specification at p. 3, lines 30-32. Also corresponding U.S. family Patent 4,776,939 is being submitted herewith.

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